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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT

- FROM ROC PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO

1. THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING BICENTENNIAL
CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO:
QUOTE

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

- ON THE AUSPICIOUS OCCASION OF THE BICENTENNIAL
OF THE UNITED STATES, I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN MANY OF
YOUR FAITHFUL FRIENDS AROUND THE GLOBE TO CONGRATU-
LATE YOU AND, THROUGH YOU, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR
THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS YOUR GREAT NATION HAS
MADE DURING THE PAST TWO CENTURIES.

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OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN ALL THESE YEARS HAS BEEN A

REMARKABLE CHAPTER IN THE ANNALS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. IT IS ADMIRABLE THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS ALWAYS STOOD FOR THE LOFTY IDEALS OF FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY, PEACE AND JUSTICE, WHICH ARE ALSO VALUES THAT OUR PEOPLE TREASURE HIGHLY. LOOKING FORWARD TO THE YEARS AHEAD, I AM CONFIDENT THAT, WITH UNRELENTING EFFORTS, OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR THESE COMMON IDEALS.

- ON THIS HAPPY OCCASION, MAY I EXTEND TO YOU OUR BEST WISHES FOR EVEN GREATER ACCOMPLISHMENTS MADE BY THE UNITED STATES, SO THAT ALL FREE NATIONS CAN SHARE WITH YOU PEACE, PROSPERITY AND WELL-BEING.

- SINCERELY,

- (SIGNED) CHIANG CHING-KUO
- PREMIER OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA.
UNQUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO: QUOTE

DEAR MR. PREMIER,

- ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I JOIN IN EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

- IN OUR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE NOT ONLY MARK THE DEEDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PAST, BUT ALSO REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM, DIGNITY AND EQUALITY.

- WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE THAT THE IDEALS WHICH WE SHARE WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH.

- SINCERELY,
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- GERALD R. FORD UNQUOTE.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO.

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